



American Indian Livestock Feed Program

Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) American Indian Livestock Feed Program (AILFP) will provide financial assistance to livestock producers who purchased livestock feed for livestock that occupied tribal-governed land during a natural disaster occurring in calendar years 2003 or 2004.

Funding for AILFP is authorized by the Military Construction and Appropriations & Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005. Unlike previous AILFPs, there is no funding cap for this program.

USDA will soon offer producers the ease of signing up for the AILFP online at home or their place of business or at any USDA Service Center across the nation. To sign up from home or place of business, producers must first establish an e-authentication identity in their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also sign up online for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) eLDPs or the Loan Deficiency Payment Program and the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program.

Eligible Producers

The tribal government that governs the land used for livestock production will determine if the

livestock producer meets the eligibility requirements. To receive assistance under AILFP:

- A producer must have owned or leased livestock for at least 60 calendar days. Note: If a producer leases the livestock, the lease must require the producer to feed the livestock and must have an interest in the livestock, such as the right to sell the livestock or market a share of the increase in weight of the livestock.
- A producer must have the legal right to use tribal-governed land for livestock. Note: A livestock producer must be a tribal member with rights to use the tribal-governed land, or be a producer with a lease, etc., or the legal right to use the land for livestock.
- A producer must submit CCC-644, AILFP Payment Application, and it must be approved by the tribal government.
- Producers must provide receipts for purchases of livestock feed with the AILFP payment application.

Eligibility Requirements

The tribal government must be approved by the FSA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs

for participation in AILFP. The eligible livestock must have been located on tribal-governed land located in a county designated as primary under a Presidential or Secretarial declaration. The county must have been approved as a primary disaster county on or after Jan. 1, 2003, for disasters occurring through Dec. 31, 2004. Contiguous counties are not eligible.

A county may meet eligibility requirements for both 2003 and 2004; however, a producer in that county may receive benefits for only one of those calendar years. Producers may receive payments for both AILFP and the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) for the same calendar year, but for only one of the calendar years, 2003 or 2004.

Land held in fee simple is not considered, for the purposes of this program, to be tribal-governed land.

Eligible Livestock

Eligible livestock include:

- beef and dairy cattle;
- buffalo and beefalo raised on the same basis as beef and dairy cattle and intended for human consumption;
- sheep;
- swine;
- elk;

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- reindeer; and
- equine, including horses, mules, and donkeys for human consumption, or for the production of food for human consumption. Examples: working horses (draft horses, cow ponies, etc.) and breeding stock for equine for human consumption or for production of food for human consumption.

Note: Equine for human consumption must be slaughtered and processed in accordance with 9 CFR Part 300, and as authorized in the Federal Meat Inspection Act. Producers should obtain receipts for horses sold to be processed for human consumption.

AILFP Sign-up

Required documentation includes:

- A properly completed AILFP payment application (CCC-644), including the type and number of livestock that occupied the land during the disaster period.
- Receipts for livestock feed you purchased during the disaster period, which will be photocopied and returned to you, that provide:
 - the name of the person or business from whom you purchased the livestock feed, including the address and telephone number;
 - the date the feed was purchased;
 - the type and quantity of the purchased feed;

- the price of the purchased feed.

- Invoices or similar documentation, which will be photocopied and returned to you, of all livestock feed sold by you during the disaster period, including:
 - the name of the person or business to whom you sold the livestock feed, including the address and telephone number;
 - the date the feed was sold;
 - the type and quantity of feed sold;
 - the price received for the feed.

Payments

All livestock producers determined eligible for assistance will receive payments equal to the smaller of 30 percent of the feed needs based on the type and number of eligible livestock occupying the tribal-governed land during the disaster period or the actual cost of livestock feed purchased during the disaster period.

For More Information

Further information is available at USDA Service Centers. These are usually listed in telephone books under "United States Government, U.S. Department of Agriculture." Information is also available on FSA's home page at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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